



Tolland State Forest

Department of Conservation and Recreation

JULY-AUGUST 2023 PROGRAMS

All Programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. For more information call (413) 269-6002.

TUESDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS

NATURE CENTER OPEN, 1:00—3:00 p.m.

The Nature Center is located in the campground on the path to the camper beach. Discover exhibits on local nature and history. Meet and talk with the Park Interpreter. Drop-in to enjoy a nature story book or study a field guide. Play a craft, game, or activity. Examine closely our collection of bugs, critter skulls, and more. Special open house activities for younger children on Wednesdays and all ages on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays.

TUESDAYS

TALES & TRAILS HIKE, 10:30 a.m.—noon

All ages. Check postings for designated meeting place. Short hikes on easy to moderate trails feature local cultural or natural history. Wear sturdy shoes, dress for the weather, bring water, snack, and bug spray. Heavy rain cancels.

WEDNESDAYS

KIDLEIDSCOPE, 1:00—2:00 p.m.,

Families with children ages 3-10. Meet at the Nature Center. Discover nature through a story, then play a related game or make a craft. Nature topics vary. Siblings welcome too!

THURSDAYS EXCEPT AUGUST 24

CRITTERS OF THE FOREST, 3:00—4:00 p.m.,

For all ages. Meet at the Nature Center. Discover local wildlife: amphibians, birds, mammals and reptiles! Explore real fur pelts, skulls, tracks, and more. Includes activity, game, and craft.

FRIDAYS

HANDS-ON NATURE, 2:00—3:00 p.m.

For all ages. Meet at the Nature Center deck. Create a nature-based craft project including natural elements when available. Projects include fish prints, bear-aware walking sticks, nature journals, hanging butterflies, and cloud spotters.

FRIDAYS

MEET & GREET, 3:30—5:30 p.m.

For all ages. Meet the Park Interpreter during camper check-in at the park entrance Contact Station. Features a quick craft or hands-on display about the park and information about programs you can enjoy during your stay.

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS EXCEPT JULY 8

NOCTURNAL CAMPFIRE, 6:30—8:00 p.m.

For all ages. Gather 'round the campfire! Meet across the path from the Nature Center. Discover the night: starry skies above, owls, and other nocturnal critters that come out while you're fast asleep. Be there at 6:30 p.m. sharp to learn about fire safety and how to start a campfire. Bring bug spray, your favorite camp chair, your own s'mores supplies if you'd like, and a flashlight to find your way back to your campsite. Heavy rain cancels.

SATURDAYS

NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT, 4:00—5:00 p.m.

For all ages. Meet at the camper beach for a short guided hike. Search high and low to discover who and what shares this campground with you. Bugs, red-efts, leaves, bark, flowers – what's on the list? From the water to the treetops see what we can find at the beach, Nature Center, and along the trail. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

coming events